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Not your average staring contest

Students focus on the screens at The Pointe as they compete at the BeachCon 9 gaming tournament on Saturday. See story, Page 3.

Clark wins ASI Treasurer runoff election

Kalien Clark defeats Dominique Noble by nearly 300 votes to become next year's treasurer.

BY JUSTINE DELA ROSA
Assistant City Editor

Kalien Clark has been named the new Associated Students Inc. treasurer after winning last week's runoff election with 55.27 percent of the vote, beating ASI Senator-at-Large Dominique Noble, who received 44.73 percent.

"I'm really honored that the students chose me and that they also gave me the second opportunity to go through elections again," Clark said.

ASI Government Elections Officer Jessica Dirks revealed the election results in front of a small crowd at the University Student Union Southwest Terrace on Friday. Upon hearing the news, Noble congratulated Clark and shook her hand.

"It was definitely more emotional than it was the first time," Clark said. "You just really want to show the students how passionate you are about helping them, so that really comes out in the second round."

In the first round of elections, Noble had received 48 percent of the vote, while only 40 percent of students voted for Clark.

A total of 2,808 students participated in the runoff election, which is roughly 7.9 percent of the student body and 68 percent of the 4,127 students who participated in the general election, Dirks said. About 12 percent of the student body participated in the general election.

Current ASI Treasurer Agatha Gucyski, who ran for president on the same ticket as Clark, was walking toward the Southwest Terrace when the results were announced. When she found out Clark had

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CSULB team wins $50,000 in seed money, resources

The team proposed a computer simulation that could help diagnose lung disease.

BY ANDREW SPENCER
Assistant City Editor

InFluidS, a team of Cal State Long Beach students, won up to $50,000 in value for creating a business proposal for a computer program that could diagnose pulmonary embolism, a lung disease.

InFluidS was among four of the teams featured in the fourth annual Innovation Challenge at The Pointe in the Walter Pyramid Thursday night. The other three teams were Orbital Dynamics, TooferMe and Uncharted Innovations.

Each team presented their business proposals in front of two judges for 15 minutes, where team members were asked business-related questions.

Shahab Taherian, InFluidS team member and doctoral candidate in engineering and applied mathematics, said 200,000 people die from pulmonary embolism each year.

"It is not because we don't have good doctors; it is because it takes too long to diagnose," Taherian said. "With the computer simulations, doctors will be able to diagnose pulmonary embolism and other lung diseases faster."

Dean of the College of Engineering Forouzan Golshani said he was pleased with the four teams and their presentations.

"These have been the best finalists

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Dorm room food goes gourmet in student chef competition

BY NICOLETTE NORRIS
Staff Writer

About a dozen students looked on as three teams of Cal State Long Beach students competed Thursday to create a three-course meal using the limited resources often found in dorm rooms.

The three-hour event, Dorm Chef: Culinary Art Competition, was the first of its kind on campus.

To make the three-course meal, each team was also required to incorporate a variety of secret ingredients unknown to them until the start of the competition.

Secret ingredients for the appetizer course included string cheese, Top Ramen noodles and canned Spam. For the entrées, the competitors had to use sliced turkey, artichoke hearts and macaroni and cheese. And for the dessert round, students used bananas, waffles and bacon bits.

The event was hosted by Associated Students Inc. and was sponsored by Trader Joes, Lazy Acres, 49er Shops, Vons, Ralphs and The Grand, a Long Beach event center.

A panel of three chefs judged each course. One of the judges was Victor Sevillano, manager of the Beach Walk Café and Cali Cocina. Joining Sevillano on the judging panel was CSULB communications alumnus Dan D'Sa, who works as a director at The Grand, and Uriel Hernandez, an executive chef.

Their judgments were based on taste, presentation and use of the secret

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Karissa Guzman from Team International Flare prepares an appetizer during the Dorm Chef Competition on Thursday.

KELLIE JACK
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Archery program celebrates 50 years of success

The event features trophies, plaques and memorabilia collected throughout its years.

By Priscella Vega
Assistant News Editor



Yipin Cai | Daily 49er
Coach Mel Leach, left, instructs Susan Berkman, right, during CSULB's 50th anniversary of archery event.

More than 30 Cal State Long Beach alumni and faculty gathered with bows and arrows at the softball field this weekend to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the archery program.

In addition to honoring the archery program on campus, the event also celebrated retired archery coach Mel Leach, who served as the driving force behind the development of the sport on campus since 1968, according to a CSULB press release.

"I'm just stoked … that people are here enjoying themselves and experiencing what is a passion of mine — it's just marvelous," Leach said. "I was keeping my fingers crossed but we had many last minute little glitches like, 'I hope people will go,' or 'The wind is blowing too hard,' but it's coming out real good."

Attendees mingled with alumni, current archery students and faculty before the opening ceremony. Trophies, plaques, photo collages of former students and past archery memorabilia, such as team jackets, were all on display at the event.

Kenneth Millar, dean of the College of Health and Human Services, began the opening ceremony by sharing the history of CSULB's archery program, which is the longest collegiate archery program in the U.S.

Leach then presented Toxophilus awards, a recognition given to archery aficionados, and inducted some alumni to the Wall of Fame. After the awards ceremony, Leach showed Millar how to shoot an arrow to kick off the Olympic Style shooting demonstration.

During the demonstration, current archery members showcased their talents and talked about their equipment.

Later, those who were present were put into teams to try their hand at archery by participating in the Novelty Team Clout shoot, a form of archery where archers shoot arrows into the air and attempt to land closest to a target flag.

Sophomore accounting major Yessica Gaytan, who attended the celebration for class credit, said she was surprised by the amount of alumni present.

"We were expecting to see more students from the [archery] club, but there are a lot of alumni and it's nice to see them come back and support," she said.

Nancy Walsh, a 1977 alumna who has won awards with CSULB's national women's team, said she was glad to see the program has continued to flourish.

"It's nice to know something lasted and there is still people very active in the program," Walsh said. "I just talked to some seniors that are in the [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute] program and they're coming back to take classes from Mel [Leach]. It's nice to promote archery as a sport for almost any age."

Tyson Reyes, director of development for the CHHS, said the event's turnout is a testament to Leach's time at CSULB.

"Not only has the Long Beach program become as formidable as it has for 50 years, it's the longest program in the U.S., and I think that says a lot about professor Leach," Reyes said. "For professor Leach to utilize her resources, and sometimes personal resources, to keep this afloat is a testament to what she does here."

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I've seen in the four years we've been running this competition," Golshani said.

After the presentations, the judges deliberated for 30 minutes before deciding a winner.

The $50,000 that InFluidS won was comprised of $10,000 in seed money and additional services worth up to $40,000 in value.

Interim President Donald Para and Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster were also in attendance at the Innovation Challenge, which was sponsored by the COE and the College of Business Administration.

"It is one of my favorite events of the year," Para said. "It shows the creativity and innovation of the students here."

Foster, who described CSULB as the flagship of the Cal State University system, said innovation "powers the economy."

"On top of that, we come up with good ideas and something that will work," Foster said. "The rates of adoption of new technology and new ideas is dramatically shorter than it was 20 to 30 years ago."

Para, who agreed with Foster, said that innovation is significant to education and the future of the economy.

"Innovation and entrepreneurship is an essential part of education," Para said. "Depending on what data you want to believe, about 40 percent of the jobs that will exist in 10 to 15 years do not exist today. They are going to be jobs that are created, and things like Innovation Challenge is a part of that forward and future motion."

Although the other three groups didn't win any money, Golshani said there are no losers at the Innovation Challenge.

"There is no loss here," Golshani said. "The fact that they went through the process; they gained a lot out of it. Side businesses have grown out of just being a participant … they are all winners."

Dorm Chef

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ingredient.

The teams were given a bowl and basic kitchen utensils such as spoons, forks and knives. In order to cook, they used a hot plate style grill and a microwave.

With a total of 103 points, the first place title went to team International Flare. As a team, they were awarded a microwave. Each of the six members received a trophy as well.

"We just threw a bunch of stuff together and hoped for the best," Karissa Guzman, a senior hospitality management major, said after winning the competition with her team.

Team TamMar JenKy, a title derived from the names of each team member, tied for second place with team IBEEE, a team of engineering majors. Both finished the competition with 100 points each.

Megan Ono, a senior communications major, helped organize the event under ASI Commissions.

"I was inspired to create this event because culinary arts has never really been exhibited on this campus in this way before," Ono said. "All other fine arts are usually showcased instead, so I wanted to do something new."

Ono said she hopes that this event is something that can be done again in future years, and possibly against other schools.

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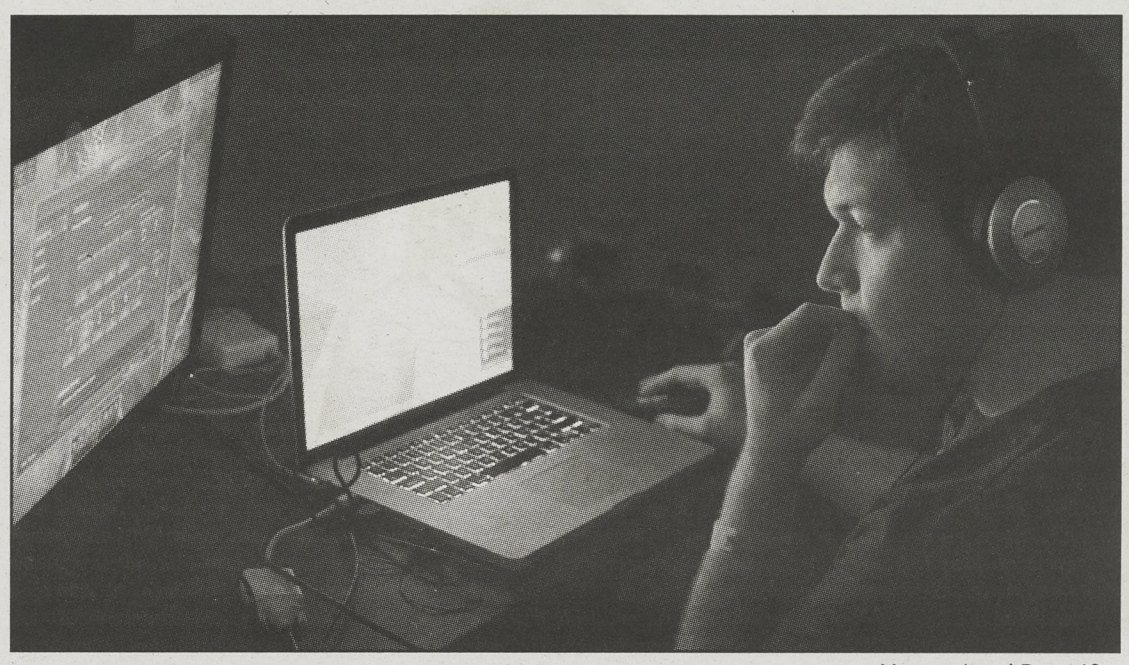
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Gamers gather at The Pointe for BeachCon

The 9th annual video game conference brings console and PC gamers together.

By Scott Bosco
Assistant City Editor



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Connor Watson plays League of Legends during the BeachCon 9 gaming tournament Saturday.

Roughly 400 people packed into The Pointe at the Walter Pyramid Saturday to attend BeachCon 9, one of Cal State Long Beach's most popular annual events.

From its "noob" beginnings in a dorm common room, BeachCon celebrated its ninth anniversary over the weekend. Organized by a group of seven CSULB housing techs, BeachCon has turned into a fully sponsored event and is one of the biggest events in Southern California that hosts a LAN video game competition.

Cole Peterson, director of marketing for BeachCon and coordinator of the event, said it just started making a name for itself.

"It started with just like, 20 people in one of the common rooms in the dorms [and] from there it's grown and grown," Peterson said. "This time it's going to be one of our biggest showings for sure."

Every corner of The Pointe was filled with game consoles, such as Xbox 360s, PlayStation 3s, Nintendo GameCubes and arcade machines.

Players interacted throughout the lobby's many video game stations while playing classic games, such as Super Smash Bros. Brawl, Super Street Fighter IV: Arcade Edition and Ultimate Marvel vs. Capcom 3.

However, the center of the action took place in the main conference room where approximately 70 people could simultaneously participate in the Local Area Network tournaments or pick-up matches.

In typical LAN fashion, participants brought their own over-sized gaming towers and monitors preloaded with the featured PC games.

For participants, such as senior mechanical engineering major Derek Mazer, BeachCon was exactly what gamers were looking for.

"I just like the atmosphere overall," Mazer said. "It's not just one game, there's so many different games, so many different people involved and so many different groups of people here."

This year's LAN tournaments featured PC games such as League of Legends, Team Fortress 2, Battlefield 4 and Counter Strike: Global Offensive.

Championship matches were streamed on a giant projection screen in the conference room.

For Mazer, the best part of the event was meeting and playing League of Legends with people face-to-face.

"When you play at home and stuff, it's just like, 'Oh hey, I'm playing by myself, cool,'" Mazer said. "I know [the other players] are online and it's not here, but it's cool because you get to talk to the person while you're playing with like, the guy across from you," Mazer said.

The event wasn't exclusive to CSULB students either. The "5v5 League of Legends" tournament, in which five players competed against five other players, drew professionally ranked teams. Team Dama, one of the professional teams from Irvine Valley College, won the "5v5 League of Legends" tournament.

While some came to compete, others came for the fun and sense of community.

"I like how they bring in so many people together," Mazer said. "It's not like it's a small event with a few people, they have people who come in from outside and I think it's really cool."

The event was held from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. with plenty of free Red Bull and pizza to keep gamers sustained into the early hours of the morning.

Many of the participants stayed the whole night for the hourly raffle that was sponsored by several companies, including the computer hardware company EVGA Corporation, which provided prizes such as a top-of-the-line PC graphics card.

"It's really cool," Mazer said. "I like it. I've been coming here for a while now and I'm probably going to keep coming back if I can."

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won, Gucyski ran to hug the newly elected treasurer while screaming in excitement.

Gucyski said that hearing news that Clark had won was a relief.

"Of all the results in ASI in this election, this was the one that was most important to me, even more than the presidency," Gucyski said.

Gucyski said the position of treasurer is "incredibly technical" and that the role needs to be filled by someone who is responsible. She also said that if the candidate is not qualified, many people could be hurt.

"It just makes me so happy to know that the next person coming in is going to do such a great job and carry on all the changes I made, while bringing the skills she has to this position to enhance it and make it something better," Gucyski said.

Noble said he enjoyed the campaigning process despite his loss.

"I felt like it was fun because I met so many students and I had a renewed vision of them, what they want to do and why they're here," he said. "That is something that ASI needs to be looking at."

Noble said he has stressed since the beginning that every Cal State Long Beach student is "looking for an experience" when they come to school. He looks forward to seeing ASI fulfill mission by making sure that students have the opportunity to gain whatever experience they desire.

Although he lost the treasurer position, Noble said he plans on staying involved with student representation by continuing to lobby on behalf of students and higher education, while exploring other options.

Clark said she is excited to work toward the goals she included in her platform, which include spreading awareness about ASI grants and scholarships and creating an operational manual for future ASI treasurers.

"I'm looking forward to actually sticking with what I said I was going to do during my campaign," she said. "I didn't overpromise."

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Our View:

16-year-old Alex Hribal should be tried as adult

On Wednesday, 16-year-old Alex Hribal went on a stabbing spree shortly after 7 a.m. at Franklin Regional High School in Murrysville, Penn.

The sophomore brought two 8-to-10 inch straight, kitchen knives and went on to attack 22 people at his Pennsylvania high school.

As of now, news media outlets report that Hribal shows no history of mental illness or being a victim of bullying at his high school campus.

Hribal's peers and family are still reeling from the incident and coming up short in the search for motvies behind the mass stabbing.

The prosecution will be trying Hribal as an adult on 21 counts of aggravated assault, four counts of attempted murder and possession of a weapon. Hribal's defense attorney may ask a judge to transfer the minor to the juvenile system, according to an article from USA Today.

Hribal's defense attorney Patrick Thomassey said Hribal is "confused, scared and depressed," during an interview with ABC News.

However, Thomassey said in his public statement that there were no signs of Hribal being bullied and he understands "what he did."

Students from the high school have described Hribal as "really shy."

Fellow student Matt DeCesare said, "I know most of the kids who were injured, they don't have any connection to him," according to USA Today.

With the lack of information available on Hribal's potentially unstable mental past, we're left just as confused about the attack. Not only that, since Hribal used a kitchen knife to attack his fellow students, it seems like the attack was premediated and he was fully aware of his actions, according to a statement from Thomassey.

Since he's only two years away from being what the law deems an "adult" and, at 16 years old, we believe he's capable enough to understand the difference between right and wrong.

Even though there are no reports on Hribal's mental history, we think that he should be tried as an adult. If issues of mental instability do happen to arise, though, we still see him as a possible risk to himself and others, and think he should be tried just the same.

Based on what little evidence is available, we believe that Hribal understands his actions are not considered "normal behavior."

While four were severely injured, others only suffered scrapes, bruising and cuts amid the rampage.

Preventing acts of violence on school campuses is not entirely avoidable but introducing an anonymous tip line for students who portray high-risk or suspicious behavior, like Cal State Long Beach's Campus Assessment, Response and Evaluation program, is a great place to start.

Although it's fairly new, CARE's model could be applied to all schools. It seems as though Hribal didn't stir speculation on school grounds prior to the attack, but there may have been an individual that noticed something suspicious.

Until the case goes to trial, we'll have to see if new resources arise for Hribal to plead the "insanity defense" and push to be tried as a juvenile. But seeing as how it's been almost a week and no solid evidence on Hribal's mental history have come to light, we say he needs to be held responsible for his actions.

Obama administration new hire is a good move

By Nick Chavez
Assistant Opinions Editor

Following the many problems with the **healthcare.gov** website, such as the numerous crashes and technological set backs, the Obama administration is trying its best to fix the website and save the Affordable Care Act, which depends heavily on the effectiveness of the website. But one of the biggest changes is the replacement of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the office that is most responsible for the Act.

After the website failed to meet expectations and the incessant criticisms on the Affordable Care Act, former Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius officially resigned from her position a week after the deadline for registration to the online health insurance marketplace, according to Business Insider.

Sebelious over saw the initial roll out of the Affordable Care Act and the **healthcare.gov** website, and took most of the criticism from politicians and pundits after the website failed to meet its enrollment expectations.

Following her resignation, it was announced that White House budget director Sylvia Burwell would be Obama's pick to fill Sebelius' shoes and take over the future implementation of the Affordable Care Act, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Obama's choice of Burwell is both a smart and strategic political move. A new, young and capable face behind the Affordable Care Act could serve as a symbol to both Democrats and Republicans that this is a fresh start.

Burwell's experience dates back to the Clinton administration, where she served in numerous different positions related to budget matters, treasury issues and negotiations with the Republican Party.

Burwell also helped to design the federal budgets that helped create the Clinton Administration surpluses, according to the Business Insider and Wall Street Journal. Before Burwell joined the Obama Administration, she served in high profile positions for large philanthropies such as The Wal-Mart Foundation and the Gates Foundation for several years, according to NBC News.

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With such an impressive background, President Obama may feel that Burwell could apply her skills and talents in philanthropic work to government to increase the number of people who enroll for the Affordable Care Act while ensuring quality care.

Her financial experience in the Clinton administration may prove applicable to the incoming money that will be generated as more people enroll. Such large funds will have to be properly allocated and focused in the right direction. Since Burwell helped to create the Clinton Administration surplus, she may be able to put those skills toward the Affordable Care Act to maximize the effectiveness of the funds.

Burwell's history of confronting Republicans over budget issues may also be another reason why she was chosen. Republicans may try to use the initial failure of **HealthCare.gov** as a tool against Democrats in the upcoming Congressional elections this fall. Burwell's experience with negotiation and confrontation may prove to be an invaluable tool in the fall congressional elections as Republicans try to use the shortcomings of the Affordable Care Act to their political advantage.

Despite the initial failures of the Affordable Care Act, the Obama administration will continue to push on until there is success. As of now, Burwell is definitely qualified to take the seat of Secretary of Health and Human Services and take control of the Affordable Care Act. However, only time will tell if Burwell can save the Act, or if it is too broken to fix, as Republicans claim.

HAZING SHINES NEGATIVE LIGHT ON 'GREEK LIFE'

BY PAIGE PELONIS
Assistant Opinions Editor

Ever heard the phrase, 'It's all Greek to me?' Basically, it means that something doesn't make sense, and no phrase could better depict my sentiment towards university campus Greek communities, especially as of late.

Although I recognize that many Greek organizations have devoted much of their time to philanthropic and charitable efforts, there is a negative connotation associated with sororities and fraternities that I can't help but acknowledge.

The classic 1978 film "Animal House" portrays it best: a rowdy group of college students with elitist mindsets, who pay lofty fees to join a group of fellow students whom they can call their friends, but who must first endure a series of outrageous experiences in order to be 'accepted.'

The events in this movie are actually based on the real life experience of writer Chris Miller's Alpha Deta Phi fraternity experiences at Dartmouth University.

More recently, the Delta Zeta sorority chapter on campus at the University of Connecticut has been suspended as a consequence of alleged "hazing"-related activity. The New York Daily News recently reported that the university sent a letter to the Delta Zeta president, declaring the sorority's suspension and citing the hazing activity that took place on March 7 as the reason behind the punishment.

At first, it may seem unreasonable that a group of female college students are being punished for continuing a tradition of humiliation that has characterized the university Greek community since the 17th century, which is when one of the first controversial hazing-related incidents took place in America.

> "The presence of your organization on campus could pose a threat to the health and safety of the campus community."
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> ***— Kimberly Hill, UConn associate director of community standards***

In that particular incident, a Harvard student was expelled for hazing, according to the 1885 publication, "Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard, Volume 3, 1678-1689."

In the more recent UConn incident, the female students allegedly forced male fraternity members "to wear female thong underwear, paint their bodies and take shots off each other's bodies," according to USA Today.

These students were merely placed on an interim suspension that will "remain in effect until the matter is investigated and resolved," according to NBC Connecticut, which also reported that the male students were forced to eat dog treats. This incident marks the third suspension of a Greek organization at the same university in the past month.

Kimberly Hill, the UConn associate director of community standards said the interim suspension "indicates that the presence of your organization on campus could pose a threat to the health and safety of the campus community."

Back in 2007, the New York Times reported that the DePauw University chapter of the very same Delta Zeta sorority had been essentially kicking girls out of their organization as a result of a lack in "attractiveness." This chapter defended its actions by claiming it was attempting to "enrich student life at DePauw."

That same year, the Amanda Bynes' film "Sydney White" was released. In this film, a particularly catty sorority is portrayed as superficial, vindictive and all-in-all mean as they, at least to an extent, rob various students of their social status by making them feel inferior, a pretty accurate portrayal in my opinion.

The term "hazing" makes me think of college boys or girls challenging each other with crazy drinking dares and humiliating pranks, all in good fun, as a step toward acceptance into a club, team, etc. In fact, some movies make it look like a really good time, "Sydney White" not included, obviously.

However, the fact that hazing is, in many parts of the country, illegal, most likely due to the fact that there have been casualties, injuries and negative physiological effects reported over the years in result of hazing, makes me think twice about giving my nod of approval to Greek life.

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Book Fair at USC draws a high volume of fans

By Nicolette Norris
Staff Writer

People from all over Southern California assembled at the University of Southern California campus for the Los Angeles Times' Festival of Books on Saturday and Sunday.

The event brought together a broad variety of performers, including authors, musical groups and even comedians as they showcased their talents for a diverse audience.

Attendees had the opportunity to walk along paths of stages and tents, each put together by the party inside. The fair spread throughout the USC campus but was centered around the Alumni quad.

Panels were held for readers of various genres, from young adult to nonfiction. Artists and musicians also put on their own shows at the multiple stages and buildings on campus, making up a long list of attractions for fans of various media.

The event was free, but to reserve a spot in discussions with the high-demand authors, such as John Green, author of "The Fault in our Stars," attendees had to pay $1 to reserve a spot.

The panels were opened up to audience questions for the last 15 minutes, and questions were asked from not only fans, but also aspiring authors.

"Towards the end the panels were answering the same questions or giving similar answers, but they were really insightful to the creative process," Jason Clark, Sports Editor with the Daily 49er said.

Aspiring writers learned from the pros what they should do when they get stuck, and how they should structure their writing to make sure they can get through from beginning to end.

Clark likened the crowd of artists, writers and fans to Disneyland. Authors did not only sign book after book, but they had lengthy conversations with fans.

Two most recognizable authors on the list for Sunday included John Green and T.C. Boyle, along with writers of recognizable titles such as "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" and "Miss Peregrine's Home of Peculiar Children."

Aside from the book tents, there was a main stage with music from acts including indie band The Blank Tapes and Mexico68.

Authors Christina Cannarella and Vanessa Fewings decorated their tent with pink couches and cozy pillows. They were among many authors who attended the event to promote their books. One of which, titled "Piper Day's Ultimate Guide to Avoiding George Clooney," they worked on together.

"The novel focuses around a nurse who works backstage on a busy Hollywood set," Cannarella said. "It is a very light-hearted romance tale and an easy read."

Fewings offered advice to future writers who may have a little trouble getting started.

"If you want to write a novel, start by writing 250 words a day," Fewings said. "If you do that for a year, then you will have your first novel."

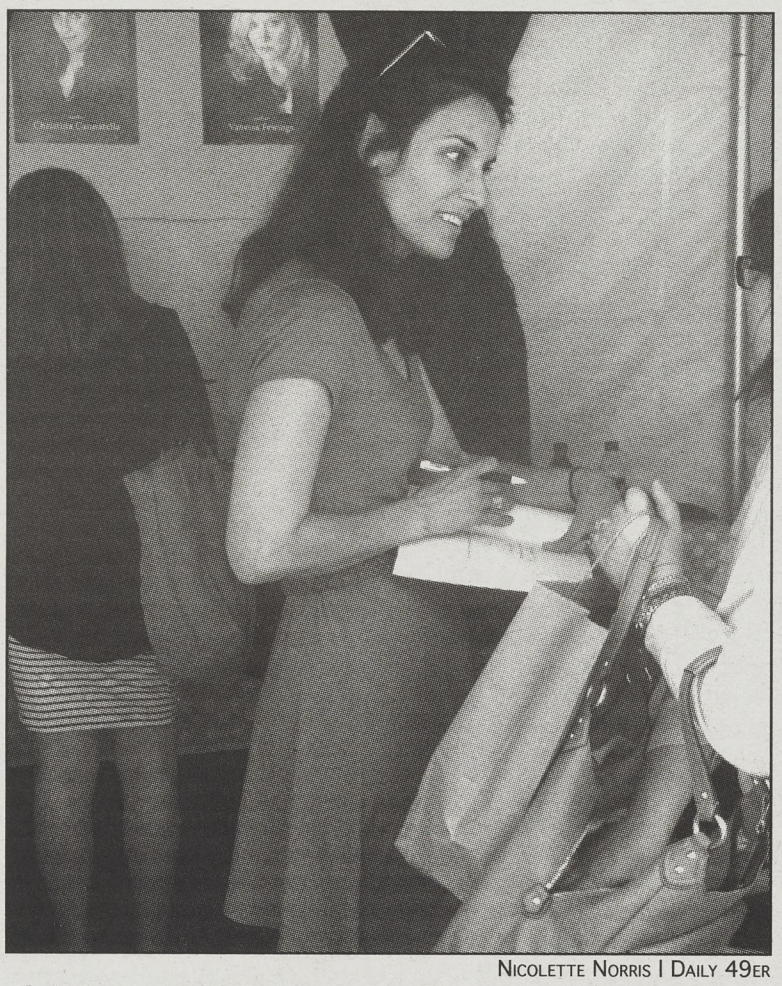
Onstage at the event, stand-up comedian and writer Rob Delaney shared his experiences with perfecting his art.

"I recently became able to achieve peace with my first draft not being very good," he said. "Waiting for inspiration to hit can be problematic for people who write for a living, so the best thing to do is just write, and don't stop. Proofread later."

Books were sold at many tents, but some authors held signings where they gave their books away for free.

Among these people was author CD Harper, who wrote a historical fiction novel titled "And Face the Unknown: The Journey of a Lincoln-Freed Colored." Harper dedicated this novel to his great-great-grandfather, a slave that was separated from his mother and sold when he was only 13 years old.

"Until you put pen to paper, nothing will ever happen," Harper said. "Write, and continue to write. The most important thing is that you write for you."



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Christina Cammarella is one of the many authors who signed books and gave advice to aspiring writers at the annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books this weekend.

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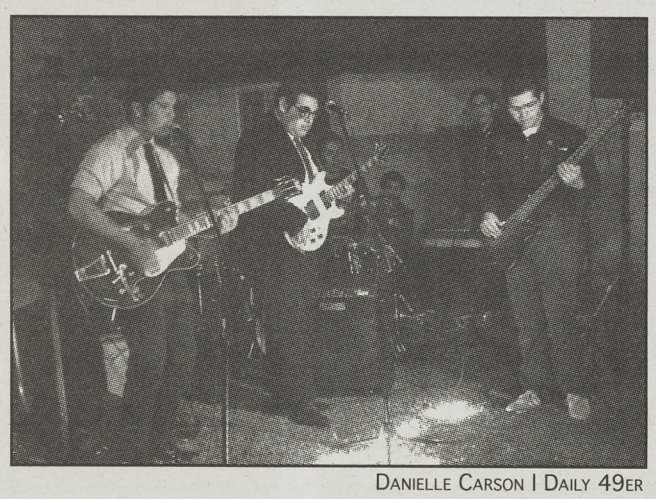
Top right: Coachella attendees went crazy for electronic artist Martin Garrix.
Top Left: Fashionable Coachella attendees escaped from the crowded festival grounds and fled to one of many pool parties in the Palm Springs area.
Bottom Left: Local musicians and artists supported one another at a house party by the name of "Couchella" in La Puente.
Bottom right: Next Saturday, Broke Los Angelans will attend the fourth annual Brokechella, a mini festival with tickets for $10 presale.



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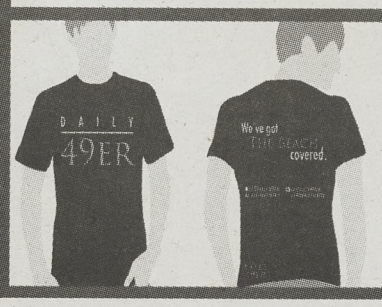
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Long Beach State gathers in a huddle prior to Sunday's game against Hawaii. The 49ers went on to complete the sweep with a 3-0 win.

Softball streak survives with sweep

The 49ers extend their winning streak to 11 games with a sweep of 2013 Big West champ Hawaii.

BY OSCAR TERRONES
Staff Writer

The Long Beach State softball team completed a three game sweep over reigning Big West champions Hawaii at the 49er Softball Complex.

The 49ers (32-9) improved to 9-0 in conference play and have won 12 out of their last 13 games overall. Hawaii (19-19), which has underachieved after past year's success, came into the series 4-2 in conference play and just 19-16 overall. They fell to below .500 in conference play

The series began with a double-header on Saturday, with 49er starters Erin Jones-Wesley and Amanda Hansen tossing complete games. Jones-Wesley, who last week defeated UC Riverside to become the all-time winningest pitcher in Long Beach State history with 79, gave up a late two-run home run to Hawaii power-hitter Leisha Li' ili' i.

"She's a really good hitter," Jones-Wesley said. "I think she leads the conference in home runs. It wasn't the best pitch, so sometimes they just get a piece of one and they're ready for it."

Head coach Kim Sowder was more blunt in her comments, citing Jones-Wesley's eight walks, but still managed to praise her ace.

"I thought that Erin [Jones-Wesley] definitely did not have her best stuff today and struggled and still found a way. That's why she's so good," Sowder said.



Sarah Carrasco connects during Sunday's win.

Not to be outdone, Hansen tossed a complete game of her own in an 8-2 victory. It was her 10th complete game of the season.

"She worked hard," Sowder said. "I think she has good control of her stuff. She's got a good mix of off-speed that sometimes a power-hitting, big-swinging team like Hawaii will struggle against when you mix up speeds like that. She did a really nice job."

After struggling with command on Saurday, Jones-Wesley was in complete control Sunday, not giving up a hit until the fifth inning. Sowder said she was aware of the no-hitter, but paid little attention to it until someone brought it up. Jones-Wesley would finish with a one-hitter, her 12th complete game of the season.

The 49ers offense, so consistent all year, combined for 13 runs in the double-header. Ashlynn Booker, who's recovered from a concussion, drove in three runs in game one. In game two, with the 49ers down 2-1 in the fifth inning, Sarah Carrasco hit a grand-slam to deep left, her third homer of the season. Among the other offensive contributors were second baseman Cya Neal and shortstop Shayna Kimbrough, who each collected five hits over the weekend.

"I think that everyone's more pumped up in conference. We're pumped up for the regular season too, but something about conference that's like 'OK let's do it,'" Kimbrough said.

Kimbrough also touched on how some of her teammates were excited about playing Hawaii, the reigning Big West champions.

"I think that because [Hawaii] won the conference last year, I think they're more competition to us. It was honestly a team thing. Everybody was playing well and we just did it together," Kimbrough said.

The 49ers will have a quick turnaround, as they travel to Cal State Fullerton (24-16) for a three game series against a tough Titans opponent starting on Wednesday and finishing on Thursday.

Men's volleyball team secures 7th seed in MPSF

Long Beach State beats CSUN twice to clinch a spot in the MPSF tournament.

BY ANITA WANG
Assistant Sports Editor

During the Long Beach State men's volleyball team's last week playing in the Walter Pyramid this season, it dominated No. 15 Cal State Northridge on both Thursday and Saturday nights to earn the No. 7 seed in the quarterfinals of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation tournament.

Although there was a slight chance of not making it into the tournament prior to last weekend, head coach Alan Knipe believed it was inevitable for his team to succeed into the post-season.

"I don't think the team was ever in a situation where we were concerned that we wouldn't get in [the tournament]." said Knipe. "We certainly felt that we have done well enough throughout the season to be able to secure a spot in the tournament."

LBSU (18-9, 15-9 MPSF) faced the Matadors for the first time all season during its last home game on senior night and swept them with a quick run, ending with scores of 25-18, 25-22 and 25-19.

The Matadors (10-17, 9-15 MPSF) had only one player, Sam Holt, register double-digit kills with 13, while Taylor Crabb and sophomore Cody Martin combined for 31 kills.

The only time LBSU fell behind was during the first few points of the third set.

The 49ers gave an even more impressive show the second night, as they swept CSUN at the Matadome with scores of 25-18, 25-17 and 25-17. Crabb had 13 kills and committed only one error to hit a .750. Martin followed Crabb's footsteps with 10 kills and one error for a .474 clip.

No Matador was able to obtain double-digit kills as Jakub Ciesla led his team with nine kills. The 49ers also outblocked the Matadors 10.0 to 2.0 and out-dug them 21 to 8.

Although they trailed the beginning of the first two sets, they were able to force errors from the Matadors and finish strong, leading by as many as eight points.

The 49ers will face No. 2 Pepperdine on Saturday in Malibu at 7 p.m.

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Baseball
FRIDAY
Long Beach State 5
UC Davis 7

SATURDAY
Long Beach State 2
UC Davis 0

SUNDAY
Long Beach State 4
UC Davis 8

Softball
SATURDAY
Hawaii 3
Long Beach State 5

Hawaii 2
Long Beach State 8

SUNDAY
Hawaii 0
Long Beach State 3

Men's Volleyball
Thursday
Cal State Northridge 0
Long Beach State 3

SUNDAY
Long Beach State 3
Cal State Northridge 0

Women's Water Polo
SATURDAY
Long Beach State 11
Cal State Northridge 7

SUNDAY
UC Santa Barbara 5
Long Beach State 9

Women's Tennis
SATURDAY
UC Irvine 2
Long Beach State 5

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FRIDAY
Big West Championships
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2. Cal State Fullerton 170
3. UC Santa Barbara 160
4. UC Irvine 143

Women's
1. Long Beach State 194.5
2. UC Santa Barbara 186.5
3. Cal State Fullerton 139
4. UC Irvine 89

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